

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A disposable diaper which has a substantially elongate configuration and comprises a main body having a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet, and a liquid-retentive absorbent member interposed between said topsheet and said backsheet and a pair of fastening tapes provided on each side edge of said main body, the waist opening portion and the under-waist portion in the portion having said fastening tapes being provided with a waist elastic member and a plurality of under-waist elastic members, respectively, in the width direction of the diaper, and both longer side portions of said diaper being provided with a pair of leg elastic members, wherein said under-waist elastic members are fixedly disposed in at least areas extending outwardly from each longer side of the absorbent member in their stretched state so as to manifest elastic contractibility but are not disposed in at least the middle of the area where said absorbent member exists, and said under-waist portion has a greater extension stress than said waist opening portion in the width direction of the diaper.

2. The disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said fastening tapes each have a fastening part which mechanically engages with a landing zone.

3. The disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said under-waist elastic members are fixed between sheets making up said main body.

4. The disposable diaper according to claim 3, wherein said pair of leg elastic members are each disposed along an inwardly curved line, said under-waist elastic members are disposed in an area nearer to the middle in the width direction of said diaper than the respective ends of said pair of leg elastic members in said portion having said pair of fastening tapes.